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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. PLANET ICE - ICE PALACE - NIGHT

We PUSH IN through a tower window, to see GRAVEHEART holding and cleaning a Quarrior's BLASTER from Planet Rock. DURING:

GRAVEHEART (VO)
(1) Y'know, I never really much thought of myself as a fighting man...

INT. ICE PALACE - GRAVEHEART'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Graveheart puts the blaster on a table, then turns to look at the other items there, including several different HELMETS.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(2) My dad was a miner, as was his father before him, and his before him...

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(3) But when the Resource Wars got out of hand again and duty called, I answered.

He picks up an old army helmet (like the one Jade wore in ep. #2), holds it up, and studies it for a moment.

PUSH IN TIGHT ON GRAVEHEART - as he remembers.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(4) After all, it was the right thing to do...wasn't it?

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. A SMOKING BATTLEFIELD ON PLANET FIRE - DAY - FLASHBACK

A battle is raging between a squad of ROCK QUARRIORS and a group of FIRE WARRIORS. The Quarriors had been protecting a group of MINERS on a resource raid. Now the miners are basically hiding behind their CRPRs and MULEDOZERS to avoid enemy fire while the Quarriors shoot back.

GRAVEHEART (VO)

(5) For centuries, the four planets in our cluster had been at war, stealing one another's resources...

As Fire Warriors blast all around them, Graveheart, in a Quarrior's uniform, removes his helmet to get a better shot, as his squadmates shoot back at the Fire Warriors from the scant protection of the Muledozers. Graveheart is flanked by JADE, in her Quarrior uniform, and several other Quarriors, including a young Quarrior named MICA.

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(6) As a Quarrior of Planet Rock, I raided Planets Ice, Bone, Fire...just as they raided us.

Suddenly, Graveheart leans out from behind the protection of the CRPR, and fires back at the Fire Warriors, as his squad continues its own barrage against them.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(7) They were nasty wars, dirty wars, but they were also our way of life. I thought I would grow used to it...I was wrong.

Suddenly, Mica is hit squarely by enemy fire and blown back off his feet. Graveheart turns to watch him fall, horrified.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(8) The only thing I grew was tired. I lost a lot of teammates, a lot of friends...

Now Graveheart goes berserk, spraying weapons-fire in all directions, shouting, trying to bring down his enemy.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(9) And then, I almost lost my mind.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GRAVEHEART'S ROOM - THE PRESENT - CONTINUOUS

He holds up a fancy MEDAL by its ribbon, studies it for a beat, then tosses it back onto the table.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(10) When it was all over, they said I was a hero...but they just didn't understand.

He puts down the army helmet, picks up his miner's helmet, looks at it, and smiles.

GRAVEHEART (VO) (cont'd)
(11) At heart, I've always been a miner.

And, with that, he heads for the door and EXITS the room.

CUT TO:

INT. ICE PALACE - CORRIDOR - MOMENTS LATER

PRINCE PYRUS walks along, excitedly talking to FEMUR.

PYRUS
(12) I'm telling you, Femur, you should have seen me on Remora...

Femur SIGHS; he's already heard this before.

FEMUR
(13) Yeah, yeah...I'll bet you was a pip, kid.

Pyrus strikes a series of poses, trying to show Femur how heroic he was.

PYRUS
(14) Are you kidding? Beast Drones all around us, but I struck and I fought and I moved like a firehawk...

Pyrus brushes his knuckles against his own chest, then holds out his hand to look at the back of his hand, proudly.

PYRUS (cont'd)
(15) If it wasn't for me, Zera would never have made it back alive.

Femur scratches the back of his head and looks at Pyrus.

FEMUR
(16) Funny. That ain't the way <u>she</u> tells it.

Pyrus looks at Femur, eyes wide, indignant.

PYRUS
(17) And you'd believe her over me?

Femur backs away a step, hands raised in mock protest.

FEMUR
(18) Hey, Whoa! I ain't takin' sides here, ace. I'm just sayin' what I heard.

Femur puts a friendly arm around Pyrus's shoulder as they walk.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(19) I gotta tell ya though, it reminds me of that time durin' the Great Jubalation, when me an' Pelvus was --

Suddenly, Graveheart comes striding by determinedly in the opposite direction, oblivious to Pyrus and Femur.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(20) Yo, Graveheart, what's up?

PYRUS
(21) Hey Graveheart, I was just telling Femur about --

Graveheart ignores them, preoccupied with his own thoughts, as he strides right past them.

PYRUS (CONT'D)
(somewhat disappointed)
(22) Hey, Graveheart?

FEMUR
(23) Geez, what's got his bloomers in a knot?

CUT TO:

INT. ICE PALACE - ASTROMETRICS LAB - CONTINUOUS

TEKLA sits in a chair at the center of the chamber, rotating slowly to look up at dramatic 3-D HOLOGRAMS of all the planets in the cluster -- ROCK, FIRE, ICE, BONE -- that surround her. It's almost a futuristic version of a Planetarium. VOXX hovers nearby.

VOXX
(24) Do you wish to continue?

TEKLA
(25) I have no other choice, Voxx. What I'm searching for is in here somewhere. It has to be.

CLOSE ON TEKLA - grim.

TEKLA (cont'd)
(26) I caught a glimpse of it while I shared Lamprey's mind, so I know -

GRAVEHEART (OS)

(27) Tekla, please forgive the interruption.

Tekla swivels her chair around to face Graveheart, who stands in the doorway.

TEKLA
(28) I am always glad to see you, my friend. How may I help you?

FAVORING GRAVEHEART - looking grim, as he steps through one of the holograms.

GRAVEHEART
(29) Princess, we have to talk.

TEKLA
(30) That sounds ominous. About what?

Graveheart steps forward, almost shrugging.

GRAVEHEART
(31) It’s about this Alliance...and my place in it.

TEKLA
(32) Your place is at the forefront, where it has always been.

Graveheart spreads his arms wide, in that way he has. We PUSH IN TIGHT on Graveheart, DURING:

GRAVEHEART
(33) But I only took charge because you couldn’t, remember? From the start, this was always <u>your</u> mission...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. TEKLA'S SHIP - FLASHBACK - (EP. 1, ACT 1)

GRAVEHEART (VO) (NEW)
(34) ...Ever since the Beast Planet and its Drones destroyed all the other planets of your star system...

Before Tekla's ship looms an armada of Beast Ships. In front of them a warp gate flickers. Tekla's ship comes to a stop.

GRAVEHEART (VO)(NEW)(cont’d)
(35) ...And your homeworld, Planet Tek...

Inside Tekla turns her head to see The BEAST PLANET extend its giant claw toward PLANET TEK. She watches in horror as Planet Tek is caught in the grip of the WORLD CLAW and is pulled into the Beast Planet's gaping MAW.
ON THE WARP

It slowly IRISES OPEN in nearby space, a squad of Beast Drone Ships lined up before it, waiting to enter.

ON TEKLA'S SHIP

Grim, teary-eyed, Tekla brings her ship around once more and opens her throttle wide.

TEKLA
(softly)
Father. I will not fail you.

Tekla's ship rockets forward, directly toward the opening WARP, blazing past the Drone Ships in her path.

Tekla's ship flies into directly into the warp, vanishing.

An instant later, the Drone Ships recover, and fly into the warp in hot pursuit.

And, as the warp closes behind them, we:

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - CONTINUOUS

FAVORING TEKLA

The memory has brought her almost to tears.

TEKLA
(36) I remember it well, the most...awful day of my life. But I still don't see...

CLOSE ON GRAVHEART - the hologram of Planet Ice behind him.

GRAVEHEART
(37) Don't you? Think about it...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PLANET ICE - DAY - FLASHBACK (EP. 1, ACT 2)

GRAVEHEART (VO)(NEW)

(38) As a miner, I was part of Planet Rock's raiding party to Planet Ice that day.

There is an ice storm approaching, fast and furiously.

MINER
Sir! I've got nothing but blue...we've got incoming!

GRAVEHEART
Nanonite Fog...it's too late!

GRAVEHEART (VO) (NEW) (cont'd)
(39) Cryos had us surrounded and probably would have slagged us.

CRYOS
I am sworn to protect my world, and my people. I will not violate that oath!

EXT. PLANET ICE - ICE FIELD - CONTINUOUS

Tekla's damaged ship comes rocketing out of the sky, fighting to stay aloft.

GRAVEHEART (VO)
If it hadn't been for you...

Despite Tekla's best efforts, her ship CRASHES spectacularly, losing its wings, digging a deep trench in the ice, until it comes to rest not far away from the opposing forces.

CRYOS
What treachery is this?

QUARRIOR CAPTAIN
You tell me.

As the two look at one another for a beat, Graveheart is already moving, racing toward the smoking wreck.

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - CONTINUOUS

ON GRAVEHEART - completely lost in thought as he speaks.

GRAVEHEART
(40) It was our first real encounter with the Beast. A lot of us didn't make it home...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PLANET ICE - THE BATTLEFIELD - FLASHBACK (EP.1, ACT 3)

GRAVEHEART (VO)(NEW)
(41) ...And that almost included you...

Graveheart cradles the wounded Tekla on the ground.

TEKLA
(with effort)
Promise me, man of stone...complete my mission. Warn the worlds...of this system...stop the Beast Planet...

GRAVEHEART
(surprised)
Me? But I'm just a miner, not a warrior.

TEKLA
You have a warrior's strength...and a leader's heart...bring your worlds together...combine their forces...lead them against the Beast...

GRAVEHEART
But I'm only one man. How can I...

With her last effort, Tekla looks up at Graveheart.

TEKLA
Your heart...will show you...the way...

GRAVEHEART
Tekla....

VOXX (VO)
Princess Tekla is currently off line.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - CONTINUOUS

Tekla steps down from her revolving chair to face Graveheart.

TEKLA
(42) What is the point of all this? What are you trying to tell me?

GRAVEHEART
(43) Isn't it obvious?

PUSH IN ON GRAVEHEART - grim.

GRAVEHEART
(44) Tomorrow, we go to go to war with Planet Remora, so I'm doing what I should have done days ago...

ECU GRAVEHEART

GRAVEHEART (CONT'D)
(45) Effectively immediately, I'm turning leadership of this alliance over to you.

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - CONTINUOUS

Graveheart and Tekla are still facing off, as:

CRYOS (OS)
(46) Did I just hear you correctly?

Graveheart and Tekla both turn to see CRYOS in the doorway.

GRAVEHEART
(47) Oh, Cryos. I was coming to see you next.

CRYOS
(48) Excuse me, but did you just abdicate your position of leadership?

GRAVEHEART
(49) What's the big deal? You did it, didn't you?

As Cryos comes closer, Graveheart gestures broadly.

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(50) Besides, who am I to give orders to Emperors and Kings?

Graveheart cocks a thumb toward Tekla.

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(51) Princess Tekla at least is your equal. She's the one who should be leading you.

CRYOS
(52) Really. False modesty is counter-productive here.

GRAVEHEART
(53) It’s not modesty, it’s the truth. Tekla knows the Beast Planet better than any of us. She should be in charge.

Cryos steps forward, now almost face-to-face with Graveheart.

CRYOS
(54) After all you have endured, why would you want to quit now?

GRAVEHEART
(55) I’m not quitting, just stepping aside.

PUSH IN HARD ON CRYOS - as he speaks.

CRYOS
(56) But you sacrificed everything to forge this Alliance, your friends, your family...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LORD MANTEL'S THRONE ROOM - FLASHBACK (EP. 2, ACT 3)

CRYOS (VO)(NEW)(cont’d)
(57) ...Even your own precious world...

Jade and Graveheart stand before a grim Lord Mantel.

GRAVEHEART
You see, My Lord? This is only a start. The Beast Planet overwhelms, it swarms before devouring its enemy...Rock cannot stand alone.

LORD MANTEL
And I cannot permit an alliance with our most hated enemies.

GRAVEHEART
But you've seen the Beast’s power...

LORD MANTEL
And they've seen ours! Our Battle-Moons can handle them if need be. They simply took us by surprise this time. It won’t happen again.

The King thinks it over.

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
Still, we do owe you a small debt for your help in driving off the invaders.

GRAVEHEART
You owe me nothing, Lord Mantel.

LORD MANTEL
Then swear loyalty only to Rock, and you will once again be welcome here.

GRAVEHEART
I can't. Our only hope of survival is uniting all the worlds of our sun against the Beast.

LORD MANTEL
Then get out of my sight! Dare to return, and you will be executed. Contact Cryos. Tell him to come and pick up his new friend.

Mantel shouts after Graveheart as he leaves.

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
Exile!

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - PRESENT - CONTINUOUS

CLOSE ON GRAVEHEART - then PULL BACK as he turns away, unable to face Cryos for a moment. The hologram planets whirl past.

GRAVEHEART
(58) I'm sure Lord Mantel will realize his mistake...he has to.

CRYOS
(59) Perhaps. But, in the meantime...?

Graveheart is getting annoyed. He whirls back to face Cryos.

GRAVEHEART
(60) Look, I did what I had to do, okay?

OTS GRAVEHEART - PUSHING IN ON CRYOS

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(61) And, as I recall, you've done no less...

ECU CRYOS

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(62) ...Or don't you remember what you suffered on Pyrus's world...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. VOLCANIC MAZE - FLASHBACK (EP. 3, ACT 2)

GRAVEHEART (VO)(NEW)(cont'd)
(63) ...When we faced their Trial by Fire...?

Cryos and Graveheart stand at the end of a LONG MAZE-LIKE CORRIDOR. The ground ahead is alive with erupting lava.

GRAVEHEART
This is ridulous. There's no way you can survive this.

CRYOS
I will...because I must. Now, do you wish to lead or shall I?

Graveheart waits for a break in the lava, then leaps across to a nearby ledge.

GRAVEHEART
(grunt of effort)

A moment later, Cryos follows. But Cryos doesn't quite make it. He falls short of the ledge, barely catching a lower outcropping of rock. Cryos dangles over the lava flow.

CRYOS
(grunt of effort, followed a gasp of surprise)

Instantly, Graveheart reaches down over the ledge, and helps Cryos to the top. Cryos quickly recovers his composure.

CRYOS
Let us...move on.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LARGE CAVERN - FLASHBACK (EP. 3, ACT 3)

GRAVEHEART
(64) And that wasn't even the worst of it...

Carefully wending their way along a path of rocks jutting from the lava, Graveheart and Cryos react to a low growling sound and turn to see the LAVA DOGS rising from the miasma, closing in for the kill. Graveheart and Cryos start to leap forward, from rock to rock.

GRAVEHEART
What are they?

CRYOS
I believe they're called Lava Dogs.

Graveheart gives them a look, and then back to Cryos.

The dogs start to gain on them. Cryos stops to catch his breath. Graveheart, several steps ahead, also stops and calls to his friend.

CRYOS
Go ahead. I'll be fine.

Graveheart comes back to Cryos, and helps him onward.

GRAVEHEART
Then we'll be fine together.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - PRESENT - CONTINUOUS

PULL BACK FROM CRYOS'S FACE - as he turns to Graveheart, almost triumphant.

CRYOS
(65) You see? That only strengthens my position.

GRAVEHEART
(66) How?

Graveheart looks at him, somewhat confused. Cryos explains.

CRYOS (cont'd)
(67) Though your own life was at risk, once again you would not abandon me. It is not in your nature to run from a fight.

FEMUR (OS)
(68) Hey, am I hearin' right? Ol' Rockhead here is talking 'bout turnin' tail?

All heads turn to see Femur and Pyrus standing at the doorway. Femur looks smug.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(69) Well, it's about blinkin' time. Never did think you had the stones, Rocko.

PYRUS
(70) Femur!

FAVORING FEMUR - looking smug.

FEMUR
(71) Hey, with you outta the picture, that puts me in charge, pal.

CRYOS
(72) That is a possibility more frightening than the Beast Planet itself.

Cryos turns to Graveheart, trying to make his point.

CRYOS (cont'd)
(73) There. Do you see, my friend? Now you must stay.

Pyrus can't believe what's he's hearing, and steps forward in Graveheart's defense.

PYRUS
(74) C'mon, Graveheart, you know there's no way we would ever leave Femur in charge.

FAVORING FEMUR - suddenly realizing what Pyrus has said.

FEMUR
(75) Excuse me, was that a slam?

Cryos looks at Femur, and shakes his head sadly.

Graveheart puts a comforting hand on Pyrus's shoulder.

GRAVEHEART
(76) Look, I appreciate your support, but whether you all like it or not, I <u>am</u> stepping down.

FAVORING PYRUS - he's getting almost desperate.

PYRUS

(77) But why? You've done the job a whole lot better than any of the rest of us could.

FEMUR
(78) Hey, speak for yerself, kid.

Suddenly acting like a Prince again, Pyrus glares at Femur. Basically, this isn't the time for his wisecracks. Femur sees the unspoken threat in Pyrus's face and backs down. Pyrus turns back to Graveheart.

PYRUS
(79) You see? I mean, look what happened when you sent Femur and Jade and me to try to talk sense to Lord Mantel...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. THE AURORA - FLASHBACK - (EP. 9, ACT 2)

PYRUS (VO)(NEW)(cont'd)
(80) ...And Femur, ah, borrowed their battle-moons ...

Tekla sits with head bowed, ashamed of herself. Graveheart and Cryos are grim, but not angry. We see Femur's ship pass by.

GRAVEHEART
Hey that's Femur's ship. What's he up to this time?

CRYOS
I'm almost afraid to find out.

ROCK TECH
Someone is stealing the battle moons!

EXT.OUTSIDE THE AURORA

The advance force can be seen coming at Rock from the totally unprotected side.

ROCK TECH (VO)
Attention, battle moons have left orbit of Planet Rock.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

BLOKK
Then Rock is finally helpless.

INT. THE AURORA

CRYOS
Beast warships approaching.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

BLOKK
Advance forces ATTACK!!!

EXT. ANGLE ON BATTLE MOON

The Aurora is under fire.

INT. THE AURORA - FLASHBACK -

GRAVEHEART
We've got only one chance. Draw the moons fire while I try to reach the control node. Brace yourself, these ice mites are insulated - but we're still going to hit hard!

TEKLA
We must hurry, time is against us.

EXT.OUTSIDE THE AIRLOCK

At the same time, Graveheart and Tekla launch from the airlock toward the moon's surface.

FOLLOW THEM as they use suit-jets to reach the surface. On the surface, they're too small for the big, planetary guns. They head toward the Control Node in the distance.

GRAVEHEART (FILTERED)
Watch out for the surface defenses!

At which point, small surface guns pop up to strafe them. Graveheart and Tekla whirl and FIRE in one direction, then another, fighting desperately!

PYRUS (V0) (NEW)
(81) It could have all been over for the Alliance right then and there...

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BATTLE-MOON CONTROL ROOM - FLASHBACK - (EP.9, ACT 3)

PYRUS (VO)(NEW)(cont'd)

(82) ...If you hadn't pulled our fat out of the fire like you usually do...

WHAMMO!!! The door to the room EXPLODES OPEN! Graveheart and Tekla charge in. Graveheart angrily shoves Femur aside. Pelvus ducks and hides before Tekla can even get to him. Graveheart immediately changes the direction of the moons. We HEAR the shift in the ENGINES as they not only change direction, but POWER UP.

FEMUR
(trying to cover)
Heh, heh...ah...Graveheart, ol' buddy, ya just beat me to it. I was about to--

GRAVEHEART
Not another word, Femur. Tekla, we're heading back at full power! Help me with the weapons systems!

EXT. ON THE BATTLE MOONS

as they majestically come to a halt, engines die off, new engines on the other side FIRE UP, slowly, then a little faster, and faster, the moons reverse direction for Rock.

WIDE ON BEAST FLEET - getting closer to anvilla.

INT. BATTLE-MOON NODE - CONTROL ROOM

Gravehart has the Beast Fleet lined up in his sights. His target is dangerously close to Anvilla.

GRAVEHEART
Hope this thing shoots straight.

He FIRES.

EXT. ON THE BEAST FLEET

The entire fleet is VAPORIZED in one massive burst from the Battle Moon, leaving a city-sized CRATER behind

JADE
Graveheart, the ships are destroyed. Rock control core has regained control of the moons.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ASTROMETRICS LAB - PRESENT - CONTINUOUS

Pyrus finishes, then turns to look at Femur, who just scuffs his foot on the floor, looking down, uncomfortable.

FEMUR
(83) Hey, look, ya can't blame a guy fer tryin'.

Cryos glares at Femur.

CRYOS
(84) I can blame you for a good many things...
(he glances over at Graveheart)
...Though, sadly, not this.

Tekla steps forward.

TEKLA
(85) Do you see, Gravehart? Do you see how much this Alliance needs you?

GRAVEHEART
(86) And I promise I'll be here for you...but not as your leader.

Graveheart turns and strides out of the room.

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(87) My decision to step down stands.

The remaining four look at one another in stunned surprise. Now what are they gonna do?

Finally, Femur pipes up. For him, almost timidly.

FEMUR
(88) Uh...Dibs on leadership?

And, as the other three glare at him, we:

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. GRAVEHEART'S QUARTERS - PRESENT - SOON AFTER

Graveheart sits holding his helmet.

GRAVEHEART (VO)
(89) So it’s over, just like that. I did what I had to do, and now...

JADE (OS)
(90) You are one monumental moron.

Graveheart turns from his table, to see JADE standing behind him, arms crossed, annoyed.

GRAVEHEART
(91) So you’ve heard, huh?

JADE
(92) Who hasn’t?

Graveheart looks at her and shrugs.

GRAVEHEART
(93) It had to be done. There’s too much at stake. I’m not the man to lead this Alliance.

JADE
(94) Aren’t you?

Graveheart throws his arms wide, defending his decision.

GRAVEHEART
(95) C’mon, Jade, look at me. I’m just a miner...

SMASH-CUT TO:

EXT. PLANET ICE - ICE FIELD - FLASHBACK (EP. 1, ACT 2)

Graveheart stands before Cryos.

GRAVEHEART
...just a miner...

SMASH-CUT TO:

EXT. PLANET ICE - ICE FIELD - FLASHBACK (EP. 1, ACT 3)

Graveheart kneels beside the injured Tekla.

GRAVEHEART
...just a miner...

SMASH-CUT TO:

INT. ICE PALACE - COUNCIL ROOM - FLASHBACK - (EP. 5, ACT 1)

Graveheart speaks to Cryos.

GRAVEHEART
...only a miner...

SMASH-CUT TO:

INT. CLAVICLE - SICKBAY - FLASHBACK - (EP. 6, ACT 3)

ON GRAVEHEART AND CRYOS - standing away from the others.

GRAVEHEART
...just a miner...

NOTE: EACH OF THESE CUTS SHOULD BE STACCATO QUICK, NO MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS EACH!

SMASH-CUT TO:

INT. GRAVEHEART'S QUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

Jade glares at Graveheart.

JADE
(96) You have no idea how tired I am of hearing you say that...

Graveheart steps forward.

GRAVEHEART
(97) But it's true.

JADE
(98) Is it?

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PLANET ICE - ICE FIELD - FLASHBACK - (EP. 1, ACT 3)

With the SONIC CANNON on his shoulder, Graveheart fires at the approaching BEAST DRONES, blowing them away.

SMASH-CUT TO:

INT. BATTLE-MOON CONTROL ROOM - FLASHBACK - (EP. 2, ACT 3)

Graveheart sits in the control-chair, blowing away Beast Drone Ships.

SMASH-CUT TO:

INT. VOLCANIC MAZE - FLASHBACK

Graveheart and Cryos fight the LAVA DOGS.

SMASH-CUT TO:

EXT. PLANET BONE - FLASHBACK - (EP. 4, ACT 3)

Graveheart fights to destroy the forcefield generator.

SMASH-CUT TO:

EXT. PLANET FIRE STREET - FLASHBACK - (EP. 7, ACT 3)

Graveheart shoots at LAMPREY and her BEAST DRONES, trying to defend Pyrus and the VIZIER.

NOTE: AGAIN, THESE SHOULD ALL BE VERY QUICK-CUTS!

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GRAVEHEART'S QUARTERS - PRESENT - CONTINUOUS

More confrontation between Graveheart and Jade.

JADE
(99) You are hiding from the truth, Graveheart...

ECU JADE - her eyes narrow.

JADE (cont'd)
(100) ...And we both know the reason why.

CLOSE ON GRAVEHEART - suddenly grim.

GRAVEHEART
(101) I've warned you before, Jade. Don't go there.

Jade isn't intimidated by his unspoken threat. She saunters over to his table, picks up the soldier's helmet.

JADE
(102) Why not? It is about time somebody made you face things.

Graveheart turns away, unable to face her.

GRAVEHEART
(softly)
(103) Jade...please...

Jade puts a comforting hand on his shoulder.

JADE
(104) It wasn't your fault.

Graveheart shrugs off the hand, WHIPS around to face her, angry.

GRAVEHEART
(105) Wasn't it?

PUSH IN ON GRAVEHEART, as we:

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PLANET FIRE - SMOKING FIELD - NIGHT - FLASHBACK

Quarrior Graveheart stands with a nervous Mica, watching the miners unload equipment.

GRAVEHEART
(106) Frightened, kid?

Embarrassed, Mica looks at Graveheart and NODS.

Graveheart give Mica a playful punch on the shoulder.

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(107) Don't sweat it. I promise I won't let anything happen to you.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PLANET FIRE - SMOKING BATTLEFIELD - DAY - FLASHBACK

As they move beside the Muledozers, weapons in hand, Graveheart gives Mica a big thumbs up.

SUDDENLY, ENEMY WEAPONS-FIRE COMES BLASTING IN AROUND THEM FROM OS.

Suddenly, Graveheart leans out from behind the protection of the CRPR, and fires back at the Fire Warriors, as his squad continues its own barrage against them.

Suddenly, Mica is hit squarely by enemy fire and blown back off his feet. Graveheart turns to watch him fall, horrified.

Now Graveheart goes berserk, spraying weapons-fire in all directions, shouting, trying to bring down his enemy.

NOTE: ALL ITALICS HERE ARE REPRISED FROM ACT ONE.

RIPPLE-DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GRAVEHEART'S QUARTERS - PRESENT - CONTINUOUS

Graveheart bows his head, rubbing his eyes with the heels of his hands.

GRAVEHEART
(108) I told him he wouldn’t get hurt. I promised.

JADE
(109) You did the best you could.

Again, Graveheart turns to face Jade, angry.

GRAVEHEART
(110) It wasn’t enough.

JADE
(111) It was war.

GRAVEHEART
(112) But he was only a kid.

JADE
(113) He was a Quarrior. He was not your responsibility.

ECU GRAVEHEART - angry, on the verge of tears.

GRAVEHEART
(114) He was my brother!

Now Graveheart’s knees won’t support him. He sits on his bed.

GRAVEHEART (cont’d)
(115) ...And I couldn’t save him. How can they can they expect me to save a universe... when I can’t even save one kid?

JADE
(116) You will...because you must.

Jade holds the soldier helmet as Graveheart stands back up.

JADE (cont’d)
(117) Tekla was right, my friend. You are a leader of men...with a warrior’s heart.

GRAVEHEART
(118) But I’m only...

She tosses him the soldier’s helmet.

JADE
(119) No. You are not. Now go do what you were born to do.

Graveheart holds the helmet, studying it, as we PUSH IN TIGHT ON GRAVEHEART'S FACE, and:

MATCH CUT TO:

TIGHT ON GRAVEHEART's FACE

GRAVEHEART (VO)
(120) Y'know, I never really much thought of myself as a fighting man...

PULL OUT WIDE

to REVEAL Graveheart, the solider helmet crooked under one arm, standing before the amassed armies of all three worlds, with Pyrus, Femur, and FROST each standing at the head of their respective armies. Cryos, Tekla and Jade stand nearby. (STEVE: DON'T PANIC. WE'LL USE THIS SHOT AGAIN NEXT EPISODE.)

GRAVEHEART (VO)(cont'd)
(121) ...But apparently I was wrong.

And, as Graveheart turns to address the troops, we:

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE